

# **AIRLIFT** **Dispatch**

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*Photo by Airman Sam Hymas*

Alex McLeod, son of Staff Sgt. Shannon McLeod, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group, gets a check-up from Capt. Jeff Dietrich, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Group pediatrician. Team Charleston parents and students will be gearing up for the 2004-2005 school year with everything from medical exams to tax-free shopping. For more suggestions on a smooth start see page 10.

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**Eagle eyes keep base safe and secure**

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### MISSION POSSIBLE!

Charleston departures  
Maintenance reliability  
Cargo moved (tons)

10,113  
95.1%  
47,016

Personnel deployed  
Reservists activated  
(Jan. 1 to July 28, 2004)

665  
719

**Team Charleston: One family, one mission, one fight!**



## Base Picnic

Thanks to the 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron for their hard work in planning the ATWIND base picnic. The free picnic today and Saturday runs from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. Come out to the base picnic grounds for good food, live entertainment, family games, and an opportunity to win ATWIND prizes.

We will also have a shuttle bus to take people to a C-17 static display on the flight line. This is a great opportunity to take some time to relax a little with family and friends, so I hope to see you there!

## Community Congratulations

Congratulations to Charleston AFB-nominee Angela Williams, Director of Communications Across the Curriculum at the Citadel, who was selected for the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference in September. Ms. Williams, an honorary commander assigned to the 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron, is one of 60 civic leaders across the nation selected for this honor.

## Rodeo

Air Mobility Command announced this week the first AMC Rodeo in three years is set for June 19 to 24. Rodeo pits the best of each of AMC's units against each other for bragging rights, and will be a great opportunity for us to showcase the skills we use everyday to keep missions moving. Check out page 5 for more.

## Around the Globe

Team Charleston continues to be busy. We have people deployed worldwide to Germany, Bosnia, Cuba, Iraq, Afghanistan and a number of other Southwest Asia locations. While our teammates abroad are hard at work providing superior airlift, maintenance and other support, we are also well aware of the fact that those of you here at home continue to work hard and pick up the increased workload due to the number of deployed personnel. Keep up the great work, and please look out for each other as we continue to operate in this time of



Photo by Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Darnell Cannady

**Maj. James Leber, 317<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron pilot, discusses flight plans with Col. Sam Cox, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice commander, Tuesday, on board a C-17.**

increased stress and high operations tempo.

## Mission Accomplishment

I wanted to take a moment to highlight one of our many "unsung" organizations on Charleston. The 437 SVS flight kitchen prepared 750 flight and ground support meals last week alone. Although rarely in the spotlight, the flight kitchen plays a vital role in our mission—keeping our air and ground crews fed keeps our mission on track. Thanks for the great work!

## Safety

We're more than halfway through the 101 Critical Days of Summer, but still have more than 40 days of heightened awareness for the hazards of summer. Local media has recently reported on a number of deaths related to water recreation. If your plans include water sports, wear a life jacket. Be sure to use plenty of sunscreen, and drink water to stay hydrated. Be safe out there!

# Action Line caller questions military airline ticket rates

**Q:** I went TDY in July, and my husband went with me. An online search showed if he flew out of Myrtle Beach, S.C., the ticket was \$238, vs. \$638 if he flew out of Charleston. When I called to book my flight out of Myrtle Beach, I was told my ticket would cost the government \$1,210, and I would have to reimburse the government the difference in price. When I questioned the fare, I was told this was the guaranteed government rate and that the price I saw online was considered a vacation rate. Because of the conflict in my ticket, my husband and I both decided to leave from Charleston instead of Myrtle Beach. This change cost me and my husband an extra \$400.

I understand the government contractor has to make a reasonable profit and I don't have a problem with that, but almost \$1,000 is obscene. Anybody in corporate America

can purchase a ticket for \$238, while the government has to pay \$1,210. I could purchase both tickets from Myrtle Beach for less than what we paid for one out of Charleston. I don't know who negotiates the government contracts but this certainly needs to be looked in to. Thank you for your time.

**A:** Thank you for your inquiry regarding commercial airline rates obtained via the internet versus guaranteed government rates. While it may initially appear that the government air fares are high, military travelers often change reservations at the last minute, and unrestricted tickets actually save the government money overall.

Each year, under the Airline City Pairs program, the General Services Administration Federal Supply Service awards contracts for air transportation for travelers on official government travel. The contract air fares offered through this program

average a 70 percent savings over regular walk-up fares, which is a gain to the government exceeding \$2 billion a year.

The rates found on the internet are subject to many restrictions and penalties. The GSA rate of \$321 from Charleston to New Orleans, your TDY point, was a guaranteed rate and not subject to restrictions. Currently there is no GSA rate from Myrtle Beach to New Orleans; therefore, the quoted airfare of \$1,210 was a full fare commercial rate.

For additional information, contact the Traffic Management Flight, Passenger Travel Section, 3-3059. Thank you for the call.

- Col. Brooks Bash  
437 AW commander

**437AW.action@charleston.af.mil**  
or call 963-5581

# Operations officer describes deployment duties

**Lt. Col. Bob Holba**  
15 AS operations officer

Advance elements of the 15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, the Global Eagles, departed Charleston July 8 and July 10, for another 90-day deployment to lead the 817<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron.

The 817 EAS is comprised of more than 70 members of the 15 AS, 437<sup>th</sup> Operational Support Squadron, and other Air Mobility Command unit personnel at Rhein Main AB, Germany, and its associated detachments at Ramstein AB, Germany, and a forward operating location. It is the one-stop shop and execution hub for every C-17 mission transiting between the United States, Europe and the combat areas of Southwest Asia. Missions include every type of contingency and channel missions into Iraq and Afghanistan, and on occasion, distinguished visitor and special airlift missions. The remnants of the 15 AS at Charleston are on a contingency-manned status and operating under a "sister squadron" arrangement with the 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron for the duration of the 15 AS deployment.

The 817 EAS handles the "care and feeding" of more than 225 aircrew members at the three locations. To put it into perspective — the 817 EAS and its co-located theater assets, on a busy day, may execute more operational missions in one day than both the 437<sup>th</sup> & 315<sup>th</sup> launch from Charleston during some weeks.

Having an organization twice as large as a standard C-17 flying squadron brings its own challenges. On average, we send someone back home for emergency leave every four to five days, have aircrew unable to fly for health reasons every one to two days, and deal with a host of other operational and personnel issues. Let's just say — we keep busy.

The 817 EAS does not "own" its aircraft. It is not similar to a tanker task force, nor a C-130 unit deployment. It is not a simple "stage" operation. The 817 EAS is the blend-

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**Lt. Col. Bob Holba**  
15<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron operations officer

ing of aircraft and aircrews from four separate wings, active duty and Reserve, operating in a dynamic and hostile environment, with all the wing-level support functions such as current operations, combat tactics, aircrew life support, maintenance, real-time intelligence and threat assessment, flight records, combat communications, transportation, billeting coordination, and classified materials and weapons storage necessary to get "iron and composite" into the air. We are in constant coordination with Headquarters Air Mobility Command, the Tanker Aircraft Control Center, Central Command Air Forces, and U.S. Air Forces in Europe, as well as the home units at Charleston and McChord AFB, Wash. But unlike home, where many of these functions are run by company grade officers, senior NCOs and civilian personnel, our chief of current operations is a captain. Another Captain is our chief of tactics and intel. One of our key duty loadmasters is a staff sergeant. The list goes on, but all provide necessary support to operate safely and successfully in this demanding combat environment.

At the 817 EAS, our focus is on mission execution to support warfighters. Simply translated — stuffing the "business end" of the C-17 with cargo and warfighters and getting them on time and on target from point A to point B. Out here, our deployed duty loadmasters play a huge part in making that happen every day alongside permanently

stationed and deployed air terminal operation center personnel.

It's really a beautiful thing to see when it all comes together and another Globemaster III lifts off into the crowded German skies on its way downrange.

Our squadron's deployment was the culmination of months of planning and preparation to ensure all 15 AS personnel were trained for their new duties and our flyers completed all their quarterly and semi-annual currency requirements. This was critical for 15 AS aircrew members to maintain mission-ready status during the ground deployment. It was truly a Team Charleston effort, requiring aircrew training experts and Boeing personnel to creatively schedule training sorties and simulators so aircrews could complete both second and third quarter training requirements prior to leaving CAFB. By knowing their roles, duties and required tasks before arriving, our personnel were able to hit the ground running when we arrived a few days before our official changeover dates at our deployed locations. After a great changeover from the outgoing 10<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron from McChord, we were able to take the reins ahead of schedule — a seamless changeover with no loss of mission capability.

The 15 AS has been deployed to Rhein Main before (Oct. 15, 2002 to Jan. 15, 2003), as the first squadron to deploy under the integral squadron concept. While we have many new faces since the last deployment, to include a brand-new squadron commander who assumed command a week before we left, the core of our staff has logged many days of ground deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. However, with changing geopolitical conditions and understanding how every deployment is unique, we are not resting on our laurels.

While we miss our family and friends, we get to see up close the results of all of the 817 EAS and Team Charleston's combined efforts to move the mission. All we ask is for your continued support, and not to forget us or our families back home.

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# ALS Class 04-F graduates

Thirty-six Airmen graduated from Airman Leadership School Class 04-F July 22 in a ceremony at the Charleston Club.

Chief Master Sergeant Sharon Turk, vice commandant, College for Enlisted Professional Military Education, Maxwell AFB Gunter Annex, Ala., was the guest speaker.

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Eley, 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron, claimed the highest ALS honor, the Sgt. John L. Levitow award.

Staff Sgt. Renaldo Dupree, 437 SFS, received the Leadership Award.

Senior Airman Anthony Smalley Jr., 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, earned the Academic Achievement Award.

Senior Airmen Ursula Etterling, 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron; Senior Airman Tyrona Pearsall, 437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron; and Senior Airman Odette Ramgeet, 437 Aeromedical Dental Squadron were recognized as distinguished graduates.

Graduates from the five-week course also include the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Camera Squadron: Senior Airman Anthony Clark Jr.

- 14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron: Senior

Airman Nathan Griesinger

- 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron: Senior Airman Robert Willis Jr.

- 315<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron: Senior Airman Stephen Novak
- 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing: Senior Airman Latoya Johnson

- 437<sup>th</sup> AMXS: Senior Airmen Alfred Pascual, Joey Withers, Ted Hernandez, Michael Mattocks, Jack Travers, Michael Johnson, Jaime Neito,

- 437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron: Senior Airmen Robert Charest, Travis Linnen

- 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron: Senior Airmen James Geraghty III, Eric Kelly, William Galloway

- 437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron: Senior Airmen Rondicueas Barlow, Kristy Proper, Mathew Sexton, Troy Scott, Nicholas Hollis, Noemi McConico, Billy Powell

- 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations Squadron: Senior Airman Melodie Cross

- 437 SFS: Senior Airmen Desirae Sharp, Lanier Page, Darryl M. Lane, Courtney Towns

- 437<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron: Senior Airman Richard Etterling

## Promotion list

Team Charleston salutes the following Airmen promoted in August.

### To Airman:

437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Andrew Carrick and William Hooper

437<sup>th</sup> Comptroller Squadron; James Adams

437<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron; Erica Allen

437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron; James Chavis and Floyd Haynes

437<sup>th</sup> Logistics Readiness Squadron; Jonathan Spell

437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron; Justin Yount

437<sup>th</sup> Operations Support Squadron; Jacqueline Hendrickson

437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron; Matthew Garrett

### To Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class:

437 AMXS; John Ballif, Nicholas Ivy and Algarin Marquez

437 LRS; Monique Cherry and Arvelle Smoots

437 AMXS; Lane McCoppin and Christie Peters

437 MXS; Steven Berry

### BTZ to Senior Airman:

17<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Oz Ashkenazi, Jose Cruz and Raymond Green

437 CES; Michael Bowman 437 LRS; Angela Colclough and Susan Pulley

### To Senior Airman:

437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron; Jeremy Lemoine

437 AMXS; Jake Darracott, Martina Meiss and Vaughn Ross

14<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Jesse Wagner

16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron; Jonathan White

17 AS; Nathaniel Day 437 CES; Keith Bass, Royce

Dejaynes, Thomas Hunt, Taylor Johnson, Moyano Mar-

tin and Royce Thomas 437 LRS; Brian Gant, Leilani

Garcia, Tibor Pecsuk, Daniel Peterson, Wolf Ryan and Tamayo

Zacarias

437 MXS; James Lawso; Anthony Orozco, Amanda Robin,

Christopher Robin 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Operations

Squadron; Felix Funes 437 OSS; Seth Williams

## RODEO TIME

# AMC's best of the best meet to compete at McChord

Rodeo 2005, Air Mobility Command's premier international mobility competition, will take place June 19 through 24 at McChord AFB, Wash. The competition focuses on readiness and features airdrops, air refueling, special tactics and other events showcasing security forces, aerial port, maintenance and aeromedical evacuation personnel.

Gen. John Handy, commander of AMC and U.S. Transportation Command, determined it was time to resume the competition, which had been on a three-year hiatus following the 9/11 attacks.

"Our overall operations tempo remains high," said General Handy, "but we can't afford to wait any longer to resume this important competition. After all, it is this spirit of competition that builds strong bonds within AMC

and lasting relationships between our AMC professionals and our international partners. I look forward to another outstanding Rodeo experience!"

For Charleston AFB, this means a chance to compete with the rest of AMC and the rest of the world.

"Rodeo allows a small segment of our wing to compete against the best of the world's air mobility teams in the operational mission areas of our wing," said Col. Samuel Cox, 437<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing vice-commander, who was a team commander for Charleston at the 1998 AMC Rodeo. "Although we are limited in the number of individuals who actually go to the competition, it is a wing function. We will select some of our very best to compete, and collectively we will make them even better in their

functional areas so they can go and represent our wing against the rest of the world."

The first command-wide airdrop competition was held at Scott AFB, Ill., in April 1962. The annual events were cancelled in the mid-to late-1960s due to operational commitments in Southeast Asia, and again in the 1970s because of declining budgets and decreased emphasis on airdrop capabilities. Rodeo was reinstated in 1979 and the first worldwide competition when allied nations were invited took place in 1980.

The last biennial competition took place in May 2000 at Pope AFB, N.C. More than 2,500 people from Air Force active duty, Reserve and Guard organizations, and international representatives from 11 other countries participated. AMC support for the war on

terrorism resulted in a significant increase in the operations tempo, making it impractical to convene Rodeo in 2002 and 2004 as originally planned.

General Handy has named Maj. Gen. Christopher Kelly as the Rodeo 2005 commander. General Kelly, commander of the Air Mobility Warfare Center at Fort Dix, N.J., said "Planning is already under way for this great air mobility display. We're putting together a world-class competition for our global mobility warriors. Air mobility has come into its own as a key component of all military operations. Rodeo not only recognizes the best of the best, but allows our Airmen as well as many of our international partners to learn and share new and better techniques in responding to international crises." (AMC News service)

# Charleston plumber keeps water running for 30 years

By 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bryan Lewis  
437 AW Public Affairs

A Team Charleston plumber earned recognition after working three decades for the Department of Defense.

Michael Dubay, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron plumber, received a 30-year service pin recently.

As a plumber, he works on maintaining and repairing water, gas and sewage lines throughout the base.

The Waukegan, Ill., native began his career at the Charleston Naval Shipyard in 1974. During his time there, he was an apprentice pipe fitter, journeyman pipe fitter, nuclear inspector and planner/estimator.

In 1996, he worked as a plumber at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., until coming to Charleston AFB seven years later.

Mr. Dubay is thankful for his return to Charleston.

"I like being closer to home," said Mr. Dubay. "I commuted to Fort Jackson from Moncks Corner everyday for seven and a half years so my family wouldn't have to move. The commute to work now is a lot easier."

"I also enjoy the people I work with here."

His most memorable time during his service was producing and

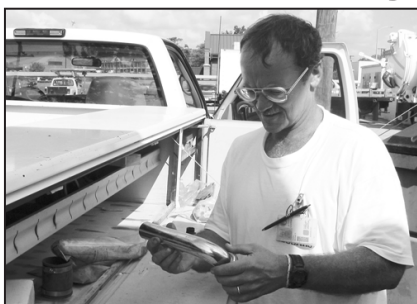


Photo by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bryan Lewis

**Michael Dubay, 437<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Squadron plumber, prepares materials before a job. Mr. Dubay received a 30-year service pin recently.**

testing nuclear piping systems on submarines, he said.

He also pointed out that working for the Department of Defense has changed a lot over the last 30 years. However, one change stands out most to him.

"Most of my time working for the government has been during the threat of war like the Cold War," said Mr. Dubay. "However, now the military is fighting a different war with the Global War on Terrorism."

Mr. Dubay would like to eventually retire with his wife in Moncks Corner. But retirement is not on his mind quite yet.

"I would like to work at Charleston for at least another eight years," said Mr. Dubay. "It would definitely help with putting my three sons through college."

## Blotter

## Cops confiscate barrier-busting tools

The following are some of the responses by the 437<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron from July 19 to Sunday and are printed to raise awareness of resource protection and safety.

Anyone with information regarding these or any other incident, please call security forces at 963-3600.

### Traffic

■ Security forces cited 49 drivers for failure to stop at a posted stop sign or traffic light, 32 drivers for speeding, one for having expired registration tags, one for failure to wear a seatbelt, one for an illegal u-turn, one for failure to obey a traffic signal, one for an illegal left turn, and one for illegal passing.

### Crime watch

■ Security forces discovered a handgun and ammunition in a vehicle during a random vehicle at the Arthur Extension Gate. The driver consented to a search of the vehicle and was apprehended for illegally carrying a handgun.

■ During a random vehicle check, an

Airman stated he had a weapon in his glove compartment. Security forces found the weapon loaded with ammunition. The Airman was apprehended for possession and transporting a loaded and concealed firearm on a federal installation.

### Safety awareness

■ In two separate incidents Airmen reported a verbal altercation at a home on base. In both cases security forces responded and found an Airman and his wife in a verbal argument. There were no signs of damage to government property. The Airmen's first sergeants were contacted and assumed control of the situation.

### Eagle Eyes

■ An Airman reported an individual had jumped the barriers at Midland Parkway and was heading toward the flightline area. The subject, who did not have any identification, was stopped by security forces before he entered the flightline area. Charleston County Sheriff's Office arrived and took the individual into custody.

■ An Airman reported possible suspicious activity. While jogging on base, he found a pair of bolt cutters and several other tools lying adjacent to the perimeter fence. Security forces responded and confiscated the tools.

■ A soldier reported seeing a truck parked on Aviation Boulevard, with one man sitting in the back watching aircraft with binoculars. Security forces contacted the individual who stated he was just watching the aircraft land and take off and did not realize he was not allowed to. The individual was released.

## Gun-carrying laws

**South Carolina Code of Laws:** It is unlawful for anyone to carry any pistol, whether concealed or not, except as follows: in a vehicle where the pistol is secured in a closed glove compartment, console, or trunk.

**AFI 31-101, para 23.1.7.6 (Added-AMC):** Privately-owned weapons may be transported on base for the purpose of transportation to and from authorized storage facilities, purchase or sale, collector display event, game hunting, and to and from authorized sporting events requiring their use. FIREARMS WILL ALWAYS BE UNLOADED during such transportation and placed in the trunk or the rear most compartment of a vehicle. Privately-owned weapons will not be transported on motorcycles, bicycles or any other two- or three-wheeled vehicles. These firearms will not be stored in such a manner as to appear to be a concealed weapon.

### CAFB Installation Security Instruction 31-101:

1.91. Transportation of privately-owned weapons onto the installation is limited to specific destinations. Personnel are authorized transport of weapons to the security forces armory, owner's base housing residence for storage, skeet range, and the combat arms firing range. Carrying a concealed weapon on the installation is prohibited unless performing official duties, and the individual is in possession of an Air Force Form 523, Concealed Weapons Permit.

1.9.2 Personnel desiring to store their privately-owned weapons in the armory must report to the armory with their weapons unloaded. Armors will not accept a loaded weapon at any time. Any individual(s) entering the installation with a privately-owned weapon must notify the gate sentry, who will inform them they have 30 minutes to turn the weapon in to the armory. If the individual fails to report within the allotted time, a search by security forces will initiated.

## DUI/DWI Statistics

Last incident: 20 days

2004 total: 13

2003 total: 18

Members receiving a Driving Under the Influence must report to the wing commander the following duty day in full service dress accompanied by their supervisor, first sergeant and squadron commander.

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# Eagle Eyes: neighborhood watch for terrorists

Staff Sgt. Jennifer Arredondo  
437 AW Public Affairs

What would you do if you saw someone who seemed out of place on Charleston AFB? You are not sure what they are doing, but your gut instinct is telling you, "It just doesn't feel right." Where would you go to report the suspicious activity?

The Air Force Eagle Eyes program offers Team Charleston a place to go to report this type of activity.

"The basis of the program is to educate military personnel, dependents and the surrounding community to identify and report suspicious activity," said Staff Sgt. Roger Jackson, joint anti-terrorism team member for the Office of Special Investigations, who manages the Eagle Eyes Program. "The program is basically a neighborhood watch for terrorist activities."

Sergeant Jackson is responsible for giving briefings on the program at commander's calls, squadron briefings, and to local citizens and businesses.

After 9/11, the Air Force wanted to educate people of what indicators to look for before a terrorist could attack, said Sergeant Jackson. With this information, people could stop an attack before it happens.

"By learning what to look for, people can serve as the eyes and ears for the program," Sergeant Jackson said. "If they see anything suspicious, they should report it."

What people need to look for are individuals who look out of place or who are taking pictures

or videotaping the installation gates and/or flightline, Sergeant Jackson said.

Another indicator of possible terrorist activity is Airmen being asked questions about military operations or activities of military personnel, or someone trying to get on base illegally, he said.

This was the case when Capt. Chris Hageman, 437<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group executive officer, noticed three individuals on June 23 while waiting to come on base.

Captain Hageman noticed the individuals stopped at the light in front of the commissary gates, seemed to be paying very close attention to the entry control point.

The three focused on the gate the entire time they were stopped at the light.

"What struck my curiosity was the front and backseat passengers were both staring at the traffic, and it seemed they were either counting the cars entering CAFB, or the number of security forces officers at the gate," Captain Hageman said.

"As I was watching them they were watching the traffic, and that is what made me write down their tag number."

"Most grown adults would not be amazed by traffic. If it were a child I could understand, but with such a dramatic change with the commissary gate opening, it struck me as odd," Captain Hageman said.

"I debated, 'Is this something I should report,'" the captain said.

"At first I was very hesitant. I didn't want to file a false report. I could have been turning in a fellow Airman. I talked it over with others in

my office to reaffirm what I saw and that it did sound kind of strange. That is when I called OSI and security forces," Captain Hageman said.

When it comes to the decision to report an event, Captain Hageman offered some advice.

"Don't be fearful, you drive to work everyday. When you see something out of the ordinary, you should report it."

"When you do file a report always give the location of where the suspicious activity is occurring. Write down the car's year, make, model and tag number. Try to give a facial description if possible," he said.

Through an ongoing investigation, it was discovered the three men Captain Hageman had noticed were in possession of fraudulent driver's licenses provided by a corrupt Department of Motor Vehicles official, who was already under a state investigation.

Because of the report, Captain Hageman was able to help state officials with their investigation, and he helped identify a scheme that could have provided terrorists a way to gain access to CAFB.

This is one of many tips that helps identify possible terrorist activity.

When the base and local community provide information on suspicious individuals, it affects the outcome of what terrorists may try to do.

"If people didn't report suspicious activities, we wouldn't know about the terrorist threat," Sergeant Jackson said. "The worst threat is the unknown threat."

If you see any kind of suspicious activity, call the security forces law enforcement desk at 963-3600.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Doungchan Sobieski

## Vrrrooommm!

Team Charleston's motorcycle club, the Chucktown Haulers, participate in the national "Ride to Work" day, July 21. The Chucktown Haulers formed in April as Air Mobility Command's testing ground to bring experienced and new riders together in a recreational club that emphasizes safe riding practices. The club has 45 members. Riders can call Capt. Julie Jacobs at 963-6852 to join.

# Charleston AFB Kids head back to school soon

By Airman Sam Hymas  
437 AW Public Affairs

Get ready. Local area schools start up again Aug. 9 for the 2004-2005 school year, and there are many things parents and children can do to be prepared.

Although most Charleston AFB children are returning to the school they attended last year, many are starting a new school here.

For school-aged children of newly-arrived servicemembers, the transition to a new school can be daunting.

"That's just who we're trying to help," said Kevin Triplett, school liaison officer for CAFB.

Mr. Triplett works with the local school districts to assist military families moving from one school, perhaps on the other side of the world, to one of the local schools.

"The Charleston County School District has signed our memorandum of agreement, which means they have agreed to implement best practices that ease the transition for military kids," said Mr. Triplett.

He is also working with Dorchester and Berkeley County School Districts to encourage them to sign the agreement as well.

The memorandum of agreement addresses many military family issues, from making it easier for military students who come later in the year to enroll in extracurricular programs, to making in-depth information about local schools on the district Web site available so those who will be arriving soon can learn about the local school system.

"We just want the school system to be flexible for our students so they can get as good an education as they can," said Mr. Triplett.



Photo by Airman Sam Hymas

**Jennifer Willke, wife of Staff Sgt. Dwight Willke, 437th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, goes back-to-school shopping with her daughters Kayla and Amber at the Base Exchange Tuesday afternoon.**

This is just one of the many things parents should be aware of as school gets started. Parents should also remember school records and the medical side of things.

"Now is the perfect time to beat the rush for school physicals," said Capt. Jeff Dietrich, 437th Medical Group pediatrician. "After school starts, it's very hard to get an appointment."

All children should have a yearly check-up, and a good time to do it is before school starts. Families should also check shot records and make sure they are up to date, said Captain Dietrich.

As far as school records are concerned, students who have arrived over the summer should make sure they have access to their school records and test scores, said Mr. Triplett.

Parents with questions on school-related issues can contact Mr. Triplett at 963-7231 or e-mail [kevin.triplett@charleston.af.mil](mailto:kevin.triplett@charleston.af.mil).

## Sales tax holiday

The sales tax holiday shopping weekend is held Aug. 6 to 8. By state law, the tax-free holiday is the first weekend in August. An exemption from the 5-percent state sales tax and all other local sales tax is applied to traditional back-to-school purchases such as clothes, shoes and school supplies. The exemption also applies to big-ticket items such as computers, computer software and printers.

## Back-to-school safety

The 437th Security Forces Squadron suggests the following safety tips so servicemembers and their children will be safe as they head back to school.

### Parents:

- Help children learn important phone numbers such as their home phone, your work or cell phone and how to dial 911.
- Teach children — whether walking, biking or riding the bus to school — to obey all traffic signals, signs and safety patrols.
- Discuss with your child daily what oc-

curred at school. Be sure to explore any concerns they have.

### Motorists:

- Due to the ongoing gate construction and school starting, traffic flow will increase near the commissary gate. Security Forces will be at the intersection of Hill Boulevard and O'Neal Avenue directing traffic.
- When drivers entering the base reach the yield sign at the intersection of the unnamed road and O'Neal Avenue they need to yield to drivers who have already stopped at the stop sign on O'Neal.
- Drivers on Hill Boulevard should use extra

caution at the intersection with East and West Jackson, paying attention to the students and increased traffic from the housing areas.

■ Motorists are reminded to use extra caution in and through school zones and to obey posted speed limits in school zones.

### Children:

- Have a safe place to wait for the bus, away from traffic and the street.
- Stay away from the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver signals students to enter.
- Use the buddy system and be alert and aware of your surroundings

## Spotlight

**Change of Command:** The 315<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group hosts a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Charleston Club. For more information, contact Karen Williams at 963-2053.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Master Sgt. Timothy Buchholz at 3 p.m. Aug. 6 in Bldg. 700. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Rodney Mason at 963-4689.

**Retirement:** The 437<sup>th</sup> Medical Support Squadron hosts a retirement ceremony for Tech. Sgt. Sabine Charls at 2 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Charleston Club. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Angela McVane at 963-6569.

## Around the base

**Summary court officer:** 1st Lt. Renee Zimmerman, 437<sup>th</sup> Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, is detailed as summary court officer to secure and make proper disposition of the personal effects of Tech. Sgt. Joseph Gardner III. Anyone having knowledge of money or property due to the deceased or claims against the deceased's estate, please contact Lieutenant Zimmerman at 963-2192.

**On-base colleges:** Today is the last day to enroll for the first term at all on-base colleges. For more information, call 963-4575 or 963-7201.

**Promotions:** Team Charleston will celebrate all the enlisted promotions for the month of August, from Airman to chief master sgt. at 8:30 a.m. today at the Charleston Club. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Rob Frank at 963-3356.

**Employment and scholarship orientation:** A class explaining how to access resources and services with emphasis on employment and scholarship information is from 10 to 11:30 a.m. today at the Family Support Center. For more information contact Barbara Lang at 963-5448.

**Retreat time:** Sounding of retreat has been moved to 4 p.m. to better accommodate individuals' work schedules. Remember, when retreat is sounded, stop and salute

## Charleston Warrior of the Week

### Senior Airman Mique Gardener 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron

Senior Airman Mique Gardener is a squadron aviation resource manager for the 16<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron.

Her primary duties include maintaining aircrew members' records, which ensures aircrews are cleared to perform flying duties.

"What I like best about my job are the opportunities to travel and working with the aircrew members," said Airman Gardener. "By taking care of the aircrews' records, they can focus on their mission."

The Canton, Ohio, native joined the Air Force over five years ago to see the world and for the educational opportunities.

Airman Gardener was deployed with her squadron last summer to Rhein Main AB Germany.

Her future plans include earning her bachelor's degree in political science.

"Senior Airman Gardener recently revamped the Training Accomplishment Report. Her innovative idea was accepted by the wing training section and is now being used by all the flying squadrons. She developed a TAR for daily flights and one solely for missions," said Master Sgt. Ted Gorman.

"She has gone above and beyond the call of duty many times. I believe she will be on the staff sgt. list when it is released in August," he added.



Photo by Airman Sam Hymas

in the direction of the flag if you are walking and in a military uniform. If in civilian clothes, stop and come to parade rest, and place your hand over your heart. If you are driving, pull over to the side of the road and sit quietly until the national anthem has finished.

**Advanced education:** The National Reconnaissance Office is looking for candidates for advanced education opportunities offered through the 2005 Air Force Institute of Technology program. Thirteen positions are being offered to meet the NRO's advanced academic degree needs with schools beginning in the fall of 2005. There is no specific officer grade requirement for applying. For further information, contact formal training at 963-2394/4565.

**Newcomers' tour:** The Family

Support Center hosts a newcomer's tour from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, specifically designed with the Charleston newcomer in mind! Put on a pair of sneakers and spend the

entire day touring key locations on Charleston AFB as well as historic downtown Charleston. For more information, contact Barbara Lang at 963-5448.

## Air Force Ball fundraisers

Money raised by these fundraisers will provide tickets to the Air Force Ball for some Airmen and help defray the cost for everyone.

### Softball Tourney

Aug. 7-8  
Charleston AFB Softball Complex  
Entry fee: \$100 per team  
Register by: Tuesday  
Prizes to the top teams.  
For more information and to register, contact Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Eric Slavik at 963-5092, or Airman John Ferguson at 767-0652.

### Golf Tourney

Aug. 27  
Wescott Golf Course  
Entry Fee: \$50 per player  
Includes greens fees, cart, registration gift and lunch.  
For more information and to register, contact Master Sgt. James Mossman at 963-3543, or Tech. Sgt. Elliot Ray at 963-5810.

## Air Force exhibit opens at Pentagon

**BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C.** — Considered to be the “founding fathers” of the Air Force, Gens. Henry Arnold, William Mitchell and Frank Andrews were memorialized July 21 in a new exhibit at the Pentagon.

Descendants of the three aviation visionaries were among about 100 people who gathered in the Arnold Corridor, outside the offices of the Air Force’s senior leaders, to witness the unveiling of the Pioneers of American Air and Space Power exhibit.

The brainchild of Gen. T. Michael Moseley, vice chief of staff of the Air Force, the exhibit took seven months to complete rather than the usual 12 to 18 months for displays of this magnitude. The timing was critical, as it was the general’s intent to open the exhibit on the anniversary of the sinking of the German battleship “Ostfriesland” by General Mitchell’s bombers July 21, 1921. (AFPN)

## Air Force approves Medal for OEF

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** — The Air Force has authorized wear of the Humanitarian Service Medal for Operation Enduring Freedom.

During OEF hundreds of Airmen participated in the packaging and delivery of nearly 2.5 million individual Human Daily Rations that were air-dropped to beleaguered Afghans.

The medal recognizes this and other humanitarian operations that took place from Oct. 7, 2001 to May 31, 2002.

To qualify for the medal, Airmen must have been individually assigned or attached to a unit participating in the humanitarian efforts and have provided direct, hands-on participation in the relief actions that affected

locations within the land area, airspace, or waters of Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, Gulf of Oman, or the Arabian Sea designated as 20 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude.

Other Airmen, such as aircrews, who may be approved are those who were in direct support of OEF humanitarian operations from stateside locations, or deployed overseas and were assigned to or working from one of the following locations: Combined Air Operations Center, Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia; Regional Air Movement Control Center, Al Udeid, Qatar; 437<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Airlift Squadron or 37<sup>th</sup> Airlift Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany; 351<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Squadron, RAF Mildenhall UK; 2<sup>nd</sup> Space Operations Squadron, Falcon Air Force Base, Colo.; 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Charleston AFB, S.C.; 62<sup>nd</sup> and 446<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wings, McChord AFB, Wash.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight’s awards and decorations section at 963-4526 or call the Air Force Contact Center at (800) 616-3775. (AFPN)

## Airlift Wing fighting California fires

**CHANNEL ISLANDS AIR NATIONAL GUARD STATION, Calif.** — Air National Guard crews from the 146<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing here are helping battle wildfires raging on the West Coast.

Crews have been fighting fires in California during July, most recently against the Crown Fire near Santa Clarita. Forty-five ANG people and two specially equipped C-130 Hercules aircraft are involved in the operation.

“It’s part of our dual mission — serving in the defense of our country and serving the people of California,” said Lt. Col. Scott Adams, mission commander. “It’s a dangerous

mission; one that requires a great deal of skill, but also one that is very rewarding when the crews know they are helping not only the citizens of California, but in many cases, their very own neighbors.” (AFPN)

## Reserves get medical refund

**WASHINGTON** — National Guard and Reserve members who paid their medical and dental bills and saved their receipts may now seek reimbursement from Tricare, officials of the military health-care system

announced July 23.

Officials said the system will begin processing medical and dental claims for Guard and Reserve members who meet certain eligibility requirements.

Only guardsmen and reservists issued “delayed-effective-date active-duty orders” for more than 30 days in support of a contingency operation, and their families, may be eligible to have medical claims reimbursed.

And according to Tricare officials, only those medical expenses incurred during the servicemember’s “early eligibility” period — up to 60 days before reporting to ac-

tive duty—from Nov. 6, 2003, to now are eligible for reimbursement.

This temporary entitlement is part of the Defense Department’s 2004 Temporary Reserve Health Benefit Program, which sought to enhance benefits for Guard and Reserve troops called to active duty.

To apply for reimbursement, eligible members must submit a Tricare (CHAMPUS) claim form, a copy of their itemized bill, an explanation of benefits, and proof of payment (if the bill was already paid) to their regional Tricare claims processor. (AFPN)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Jeanette Copeland

## Shooting from the shadows

Camouflaged, Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Franklin Perkins, 100<sup>th</sup> Communications Squadron photographs a base-wide mobility exercise at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

# BASE HONOR GUARD

## Senior Airman Lacey Monroe

437<sup>th</sup> Aerial Port Squadron

**Job title:** Traffic management journeyman

**Time in the Air Force:** Two years and nine months

**Time on the Honor Guard:** 11 months

**Why did you join the Honor Guard?** Because I wanted to work with an elite team of people.

**What do you do in the Honor Guard?** We provide a lasting memory to the family members of our fallen military members.

**What is your favorite aspect of the Honor Guard?** The teamwork. You can't ceremoniously carry a casket, perform a 21-gun salute or even do a color guard team alone. It takes a real team to do what we do.

**What is your most memorable moment in Honor Guard?** There have been several within the last month. Charleston AFB has lost three of its own people, so that definitely hit home. But what really got to me was when we had to render full military honors for a 20-year-old Airman.

Graphic by Airman Sam Hymas



## WELLNESS TIP

# DROWNING ...

... the second leading cause of unintentional death for U.S. teens

### How can drowning be prevented?

Ensure swimming ability is well within swimming area conditions

Check water depth and obstacles before jumping or diving

Never swim alone, use the "buddy system"

Wear a life jacket when in a boat or when swimming in unmarked areas of a river or lake

Do not use alcohol or drugs when swimming, diving or boating

Learn how to facilitate a water rescue

**SOURCE:** AMC Command Surgeon Office

**InfoGraphic by** Tech. Sgt. Mark Diamond

## Chapel schedule



**107 Arthur Drive**  
**Office:** Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**Phone:** 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

**Catholic Services:** *Saturday* - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. Daily Mass is from 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

**Protestant Services:** *Sunday* - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. *Sunday* - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service. *Wednesday* - noon Protestant Bible Study.

For information on other faith groups, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

## Movie schedule

**Admission:** 99 cents for adults and children.

Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.

Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.



**Today, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Two Brothers" - Guy Pearce**

Two tigers, one bold and one shy, are born in a city of ruins in French Indochina and are soon captured. The bold brother is forced to become a circus performer, while the shy sibling becomes the companion of a governor's son. (PG) 109 minutes

**Saturday, 7:30 p.m.**

**"Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story" - Ben Stiller, Vince Vaughn**

When corporate workout center Globo Gym moves to town, locally-owned fitness center Average Joe's loses business, so its manager can't make the mortgage payment. Faced with going under, the crew from Joe's enters a high-stakes dodgeball tournament to save their local gym. (PG) 100 minutes

**Aug 6, 7:30 p.m.**

**"The Notebook" - James Garner**

A man reads from a notebook to the woman he regularly visits. His words bring to life the story of a couple who are separated by World War II, then passionately reunited seven years later, after they have taken different paths. (PG-13) 121 minutes

## Softball Playoffs

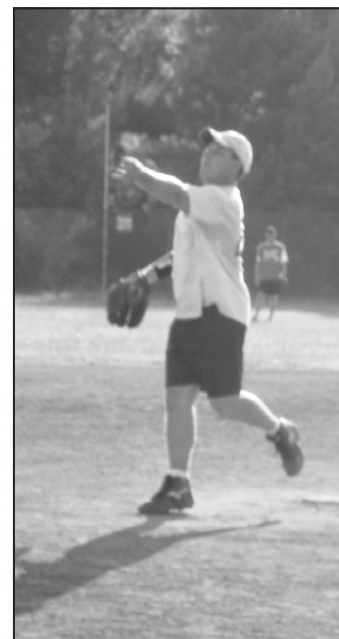


Robert Stewart, LRS 1, waits for the right pitch during the playoff game against the Flyers Tuesday night. LRS 1 won the game 13-3 to remain in the playoffs.

### 2004 Charleston AFB Softball Standings FINAL

*Photos by 9514 Dawn Lewis*

Place	Team	Won	Loss	Tie	RF	Avg	RA	Avg	Diff	Pct	Games
1	AMXS 1	15	2	0	220	12.94	57	3.35	9.59	0.882	17
2	LRS 1	14	3	0	235	13.82	108	6.35	7.47	0.824	17
3	SFS 1	14	3	0	206	12.12	93	5.47	6.65	0.824	17
4	MXS 1	13	4	0	215	12.65	110	6.47	6.18	0.765	17
5	FLYERS/OSS	11	6	0	182	10.71	99	5.82	4.88	0.647	17
6	APS	11	6	0	178	10.47	131	7.71	2.76	0.647	17
7	MOS/373 TRS Det 5	11	6	0	201	11.82	134	7.88	3.94	0.647	17
8	NNPTC	9	8	0	152	8.94	129	7.59	1.35	0.529	17
9	BOEING	8	9	0	154	9.06	201	11.82	-2.76	0.471	17
10	NAVY BRIG	7	10	0	119	7.00	149	8.76	-1.76	0.412	17
11	LRS 2	6	11	0	138	8.12	229	13.47	-5.35	0.353	17
12	AMXS 2	6	11	0	133	7.82	151	8.88	-1.06	0.353	17



Flyers pitcher, James Blakley, throws one down the middle against LRS 1 Tuesday night.

## Sports shorts

**Intramural Volleyball:** Intramural volleyball season begins Aug. 17 and the entry deadline is Aug. 10.

A mandatory coaches' clinic will be Aug. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Health and Wellness Center classroom. Commanders who want to enter their units should designate a coach/team representative and complete their statement of intent.

If an organization doesn't enter a team but has personnel interested in participating, they need to submit name, rank, unit and duty

phone to the Fitness and Sports Center.

**Intramural Flag Football:** Letters of squadron intent are due to the Sports Office on Aug. 31.

**School and Sports Physicals:** Call 963-6880 to schedule your appointment.

**Youth Soccer:** Coaches and officials are needed for youth soccer which opens Sept. 18. For more information, call the Youth Center at 963-5684.

## Fitness Tip

Protect your back! You only have one. Don't bend hastily. Duties that require a lot of bending should be done safely with your gravity centered. Bend your knees and hips, not your back, and lift with your legs. Reduce your risk of injury by holding objects close to your body, near your center of gravity. Also:

- Get assistance when lifting heavy objects.
- Avoid sudden lifts.
- Don't lift objects above your chest.
- Be sure walkways are clear.